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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SUDANESE DEFENSE MINISTER TO IRAN

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1. GEN. AWAZ KHALAFALLA, SUDANESE MINDEF, IS PAYING SIX-DAY VISIT TO IRAN AS GUEST OF GEN. AZHARI, CHIEF OF SUPREME COMMANDER'S STAFF. SHAH RECEIVED KHALAFALLA FOR WHAT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MERELY A COURTESY CALL. SUDANESE DEFMIN AND DELEGATION ALSO HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH AZHARI AND VIC MINWAR FOR PROCUREMENT AND MILITARY INDUSTRIES TOUFANIAN, AND VISITED FIGHTER BASE AT MEHRBAD NEAR THEHRAN, GROUND FORCE INSTALLATIONS IN ISFAHAN AND SHIRAZ, AND A NAVY BASE.

2. MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ASIA AND AFRICA SADRIEH TOLD POLCOUN THIS WAS FOLLOW-UP TO MUNEIRY VISIT IN FEBRUARY DURING WHICH CLOSER MILITARY COOPERATION AND POSSIBLE TRAINING ASSISTANCE WERE DISCUSSED. HE SAID NOTHING SPECIFIC HAD BEEN AGREED UPON AND KHALAFALLA'S DELEGATION WAS EXPLORING WHAT IRAN COULD PROVIDE THAT WOULD BE OF USE TO SUDAN. GOI WOULD BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE IN LINE WITH ITS POLICY OF DOING ALL IT CAN TO SUPPORT REGIONAL LDC'S AND IMPROVE ITS RELATIONS WITH THEM.

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3. MILITARY SOURCES TELL US SUDANESE MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE REQUESTS

DURING TALKS WITH AZHARI BUT INVITED HIM PAY RETURN VISIT TO SUDAN.
THEY APPEAR TO BE SEEKING SPACES FOR SUDANESE IN IRANIAN MILITARY
SCHOOLS AND AN EXCHANGE OF STAFF OFFICERS BETWEEN TWO COUN-
TRIES. FACT THAT DELEGATION HELD TALKS WITH PROCUREMENT CHIEF
TOUFANIAN PROBABLY INDICATES THEY ALSO SEEKING HARDWARE BUT WE HAVE
NO DETAILS YET.
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